

# Rodney Local Board Parks, Culture and Community Development Committee Workshop Record

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Record of a Workshop of the Rodney Local Board Parks, Culture and Community Development Committee held in the Council Chamber, Orewa Service Centre, 50 Centreway Road, Orewa on Monday, 1 August 2016 at 10.00am

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## PRESENT

### Chairperson

Beth Houlbrooke

### Members

James Colville (from 10.30am)

Steven Garner (from 11.15am)

Thomas Grace (from 10.30am)

John McLean

Phelan Pirrie

Greg Sayers (until 1.55pm)

Brenda Steele (from 12.00pm)

1. **Apologies:** There was apology from Member Warren Flaunty (for absence) and an apology (for lateness) from Brenda Steele who was absent on other local board business.
2. **Parks Update:** Jeff Lyford (Parks Advisor) in attendance for this item. The Parks Update included the following items;
  - 2b. **Riverhead proposed park acquisition and development:** Nicola Terry (Service and Asset Planner) and Roma Leota (Policy Analyst) in attendance for this item. Ms Terry and Mr Leota sought feedback on the proposed acquisition. Members were supportive of the acquisition but expressed concern with the size of the land. A proposal for a jetty and pontoon to vest in council in association with the acquisition was not generally supported. Whilst it was acknowledged that this structure would offer some amenity the likely costs for maintenance need to be taken in to account and the facility could potentially be something the residents association undertake in the future. With regard to lighting of the esplanade and reserve accessway for the jetty proposal, local board members requested that staff suggest to the developer that this infrastructure be put in place as future proofing.
  - 2a. **Minor Parks Improvement Fund Allocation:** Members reiterated that they were comfortable with the delegation to the Parks Advisor for the Parks Minor Improvement Fund budget of \$30,000 to facilitate efficient and reactive responses to small operational concerns that arise on reserves. The Parks Advisor said that in general amounts under \$5,000 would be reported quarterly, and for anything over that amount the matter would be either emailed to local board members or discussed in a workshop.

3. **Kumeu-Helensville Needs Assessment for indoor sport and recreation facilities:** Mat Walsh (Sport and Recreation Advisor) in attendance for this item. The assessment concluded that an indoor facility should be established in the north west. Members expressed concern with some of the projected population growth figures provided and considered that a feasibility study could be completed in conjunction with the community. Mr Walsh is to bring the matter back to the local board when further work had been done in regard to advancing a feasibility study. Mr Walsh said that he would be looking at indoor space at Centennial Park, Wellsford in the future.
4. **Greenways:** Don Lawson (Parks Advisor) and Esther Hjelmstrom (Landscape Architect) in attendance for this item. Also in attendance, Jennifer Parlane (Landscape Architect). Mr Lawson and Ms Hjelmstrom sought feedback and discussed the consultation and engagement material for the Greenways Plan for Riverhead/Kumeu/Huapai/Waimauku. A report will be on the Parks, Culture and Community Development Committee meeting in August.
5. **The Oaks Development, Warkworth:** Jeff Lyford (Parks Advisor) gave a verbal update on the area in front of the old Warkworth Pub which the developer would like to vest in council. Mr Lyford said that he was the lead person on this matter and would liaise with other relevant council staff in regard to options for the area. It was envisaged that there would be public consultation in the future. Warkworth Subdivision members plus Members Steele and Colville will meet with the developer to discuss the next steps.

12.15pm – 1.05pm Luncheon adjournment.

Member Colville retired at the luncheon adjournment.

7. **Land at Weza Lane, Kumeu:** Jonathan Hope (Acting Senior Local Board Advisor) gave the local board an update on land for sale at Weza Lane in Kumeu. The local board's initial feedback some time ago was that it had no objection to the sale but since then the amount of growth and future anticipated growth in the area has prompted local people to express a desire for retention. The local board does not have any decision-making on this matter but after discussion it was agreed that the local board's stance has since altered from its original feedback. The Chairperson will write to the Finance and Performance Committee and explain their current stance.
6. **Discussion on grant application responses and the process:** Kim Hammond (Community Grants Advisor) in attendance for this item. Members discussed the response letters sent out to grant applicants, in particular letters sent out to unsuccessful applicants. Members discussed putting more information in the response letters for the reasons for applications being unsuccessful. The Community Grant Advisor will come up with some standard statements for the local board's consideration.

1.55pm Member Sayers retired from the meeting.

8. **Other Matters:**  
Parks Team: The Relationship Manager outlined the current situation in the Parks Team with various staff changes and leave arrangements. An appointment will be made in the interim to deal with the volunteer work programme. With regard to work programming, the Parks Manager (Martin) has discussed with Local Board Services staff how to implement that going forward.

Greenways: The chairperson attended a cluster workshop and update on greenways.

Meeting closed at 2.00pm.

The Chairperson thanked Members for their attendance and attention to business and declared the meeting closed

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